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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of November 30, 2007. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time, thereby extending the due date from February 29, 2008, to May 30, 2008. The remaining balance for Three-Month Extension of Time fee (i.e., \$465 because \$60 for the one-month extension of time was previously paid) is paid via the online payment system.

This submission accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the above-identified patent application along with this Preliminary Amendment.

Applicant respectfully requests that the following Amendments be entered without prejudice.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.